



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location. Central Arizona growers had no produce movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed and miscellaneous melons last week. Recent monsoonal rains produced good forage while other areas lacked moisture. Heber received the most precipitation, at 2.88 inches. The highest temperatures for the week were 115 degrees in Bullhead City, 113 degrees in Parker and Yuma, and 112 degrees in Mohave. The lowest temperatures were 45 and 47 degrees at the Grand Canyon and Flagstaff, respectively. Coolidge has the highest year to date precipitation at 207 percent of normal, while Paloma has the lowest year to date precipitation at 40 percent of normal.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls	99	97	100	99
Bolls opening	50	45	53	55
Defoliated.....	7	N/A	7	9

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	8	1	NA
Short	12	15	32	NA
Adequate.....	77	72	67	NA
Surplus.....	10	5	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	8	5	NA
Short	10	13	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	76	62	NA
Surplus.....	7	3	--	NA

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	6	4	5	1
Poor	1	2	5	4
Fair	14	12	23	26
Good	41	40	40	41
Excellent.....	38	42	27	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	3	--	--
Poor	2	3	--	1
Fair	15	17	11	12
Good	49	48	47	55
Excellent.....	30	29	42	32
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	9	7	15	27
Poor	7	9	18	16
Fair	33	35	31	25
Good	41	41	32	25
Excellent.....	10	8	4	7

NA – not available

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_08302015.pdf